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Table 1: GB exports of live bovine, 2006 - 2010

Type	number				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Live Cattle and Calves	91,462	85,840	52,152	1,121	723

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Source: RADAR (Rapid Analysis and Detection of Animal-related Risks) dataset

2010 data is subject to amendments

Table 2: Value of UK exports of live bovine, 2006 - November 2010

Type	£000s				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	Jan-Nov 2010
Live Cattle and Calves	3,332	2,548	1,457	152	57

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Source: H M Revenue and Customs

Data prepared by Trade Statistics, Economics and Statistics Programme, DEFRA

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Background notes

The notable drop in number of cattle exports in 2008, 2009 and 2010 is due to the reluctance of EU member states to import from current TB situation.

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Hi Sally,

Please see the below explanation regarding the footnote in question:

The reasoning behind this footnote is that calf numbers accounted for a high percentage of all cattle exports from the United Kingdom, with the two main destinations being Holland and Belgium (as the data indicates). In 2008 live calf exports were disrupted due to the informal ban on UK imports by the Netherlands and Belgium following the discovery of bovine tuberculosis in calves exported from the UK. Therefore export numbers dropped significantly.

This ban was well publicised at the time with reports suggesting other EU member states became uneasy.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7594625.stm>

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/health/article4656330.ece>

<http://www.fwi.co.uk/Articles/2008/07/16/111208/EXCLUSIVE-UK-calves-boycotted-after-Holland-is-infected-with.htm>

<http://www.farmersguardian.com/thousands-more-calves-shot-as-farmers-search-for-a-market/19898.article>

I have attached a breakdown showing the export figures by month and country which emphasises this effect.

I hope this helps

Regards

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